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In response to a call from applicant's attorney, Mr. Hopkins, pointing out that the last letter of February 12, 2004 was mailed after the six month period for response by applicant. Therefore, the last letter is hereby withdrawn and the following action is applied.

The reply filed on January 8, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants have attempted to change the claimed invention. The original elected invention was to "A drive roller" that was classified in Class 198 subclass 835. All of the claims have been changed to "A self-checkout system" which could be classified in Class 186 subclass 59. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Joseph E. Valenza at telephone number (703) 308-2577. Amendments may be faxed to (703) 872-9306. My normal work week is Monday through Thursday.

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